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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al

Serial Number: 09/870,018

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: A PROTEIN FRAGMENT  
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAY (PCA) FOR THE  
DETECTION OF PROTEIN-PROTEIN,  
PROTEIN-SMALL MOLECULE AND PROTEIN-  
NUCLEIC INTERACTIONS BASED ON THE  
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Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 2, 2004**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.